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GENEVA FOR BURCE AND HILLENBRAND FROM GUFLER

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UNABLE SEE BRANDT LAST NIGHT SINCE HE PREPARING HIS ADDRESS FOR SPD CONVENTION BEGINNING NINE THIS MORNING. HE RECEIVED ME AT 8 A.M. SENATOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS KLEIN ALSO PRESENT. I OPENED BREAKFAST TABLE CONVERSATION BY INFORMING HIM OF SECRETARY'S INTEREST HIS REACTIONS. HE HIGHLY GRATIFIED. ALTHOUGH CLEARLY PREOCCUPIED WITH SERIOUS INTERNAL PARTY PROBLEMS HE FACING AT CONVENTION, BRANDT OFFERED FOLLOWING REMARKS.

HE REITERATED THAT HE NOT INFORMED BY BONN FONOFF ON GENEVA TALKS (OURTEL 28 TO GENEVA; 878 TO BONN). HE HAD NOT YET SEEN REPORT BY METTENHEIM (SENATOR KLEIN'S PRINCIPAL BONN ASSISTANT NOW AT GENEVA) WHICH KLEIN RECEIVED YESTERDAY AND READ TO BRANDT MY PRESENCE. METTENHEIM, WHO BRANDT AND KLEIN FEEL IS NOT ON THE INSIDE, REPORTED THAT SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF BERLIN PROBLEM DID NOT MEAN ISOLATION OF BERLIN FROM REST OF WESTERN PACKAGE AND THAT WESTERN FALLBACK POSITIONS NOT YET CLARIFIED. NEVERTHELESS WORKING GROUP HAD DISCUSSED CERTAIN POSSIBILITIES WHICH HOWEVER HAD NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY FONMINS. THESE METTENHEIM LISTED AS: 1) REVISIONS OF A "PRAGMATIC NATURE" DESIGNED IMPROVE EXISTING BERLIN ARRANGEMENTS. 2) ADMISSION OF GDR CONTROLS ON ACCESS ROUTES PROVIDED IT ESTABLISHED THEY EXERCISED ON BEHALF OF USSR. 3) RELINQUISHMENT ON PART OF WESTERN POWERS AND USSR OF BERLIN AS BASIS FOR PROPAGANDA AND AGENT ACTIVITY. 4) LIMITATION ON SIZE OF WESTERN GARRISONS. 5) UN SUPERVISION OF BERLIN ARRANGEMENTS.

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BRANDT SHOWED REAL CONCERN OVER DANGERS INHERENT IN POINTS 3 AND 4. "CONTROL OF PROPAGANDA" WOULD LEAD TO SEVERE LIMITATIONS OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN WEST BERLIN AND WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTATION WITHOUT AMENDING CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. THIS AND CEILING ON TROOPS WOULD INTRODUCE NEW CONTROL MECHANISMS WHICH SOVIETS WOULD INEVITABLY SEEK TO UTILIZE TO DESTROY FREEDOM WEST BERLIN.

BRANDT WAS MOST EMPHATIC THAT SOVIETS MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO MOVE IN ON WEST BERLIN. IF ANY WESTERN CONCESSIONS MADE INVOLVE GIVING SOVIETS SOME VOICE IN WEST BERLIN, THEY MUST BE BALANCED BY EQUIVALENT SOV CONCESSIONS TO WESTERN POWERS IN EAST BERLIN. BASIC FREEDOMS AND CURRENT ECONOMIC AND MONETARY TIES WEST BERLIN TO FEDREP MUST BE SAFEGUARDED. "NO RPT NO THIRD GERMANY SHOULD BE CREATED OUT OF WEST BERLIN."

SENATOR KLEIN REITERATED POINT PREVIOUSLY MADE BY BRANDT (PARA. 3 OURTEL 20 TO GENEVA PREVIOUSLY SENT AS G-456 TO DEPT, G-271 TO BONN) THAT PERMANENT THREAT OF GDR BLACKMAIL RE GERMAN ACCESS WILL CONTINUE, UNLESS AGREEMENT COVERING WEST BERLIN FEDREP COMMUNICATIONS IS ARRIVED AT UNDER FOUR-POWER GUARANTEE.

IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY'S REQUEST BRANDT PROMISED GIVE MATTER FURTHER THOUGHT AND TRY PROVIDE MORE DETAILED REACTIONS EARLY NEXT WEEK. HE MADE IT PLAIN, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR HIM MAKE COMMENTS THAT HE FEELS ARE REALLY PERTINENT ON BASIS INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE TO HIM.

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